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SUBJECT: US-VENEZUELAN COORDINATIVE MECHANISM ON  
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

REF: A) CARACAS 11555, B) STATE 213780

1. STATE AND AID/W FULLY SUPPORT PROPOSAL (REFTEL A) FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OF COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR MANAGING ON-  
GOING AND FUTURE REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
PROGRAMS.

2. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SENDING A TRAINING EXPERT  
USING 661 FUNDS TO CARACAS TO WORK OUT JOINTLY WITH THE  
GOV THE SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
TRAINING PROGRAM. AID WILL SEND A SEPARATE MESSAGE,  
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PROBABLY AFTER OCTOBER 20 MEETING, ON THE SPECIFICS. IN

THIS CONNECTION, PLEASE REFER TO REFTEL B CONCERNING COSTS AND CONDITIONS OF AID SUPPORT OF COUNTRY FINANCED PROGRAMS.

3. WE ENVISION THIS OCTOBER 20 MEETING WITH CORDIPLAN AS A CONCRETE STEP TOWARD DEVELOPING MECHANISM WHICH HOPEFULLY COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOV TO REACH DECISIONS ON A FEW SELECTED ON-GOING PROJECTS IN WHICH CONSIDERABLE TIME, EFFORT, AND RESOURCES HAVE BEEN

EXPENDED BY GOV AND USG. SUCH A MECHANISM COULD PROVIDE LONG NEEDED FORUM AND FOCUS TO COORDINATE AND SCREEN VENEZUELAN REQUESTS.

4. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY MIGHT DESCRIBE PRESENT STATUS OF SEVERAL PROJECTS IN DISCUSSION WITH CORDIPLAN AND URGE THEM TO FACILITATE GOV DECISION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROJECTS. THE FOLLOWING COULD BE CITED AS EXAMPLES: CORPAVENCA, CORPOGUYANA, CADAPE, INCE, AND AYACUCHO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. PLEASE REFER TO MR. HEILMAN'S DETAILED REPORT OF AUGUST 26, 1976. IN ADDITION TO PARAS. ONE AND TWO, MEETING WOULD ALSO SERVE TO HEAR CORDIPLAN VIEWS ABOUT MEANS FOR DEVELOPING MORE EFFECTIVE WAY TO MANAGE GOV/USG COUNTRY FINANCED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

5. IN SUMMARY, WE SUGGEST THAT FOLLOWING POINTS BE MADE: (A) THAT WE SUPPORT MECHANISM CONCEPT; (B) THAT AID/W IS WILLING TO CONSIDER SENDING EXPERT TO HELP GOV DEFINE AN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAM; (C) THAT WE ARE PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO HELP GOV CHOOSE APPROPRIATE US INSTITUTIONS FOR COUNTRY FINANCED PROGRAMS; (D) THAT THIS GOOD OFFICES ROLE AND ACCOMPANYING MANAGEMENT SUPPORT WHICH WE ARE OFFERING WOULD ENTAIL PAYMENT OF CERTAIN MANAGEMENT FEES TO AID IN ADDITION TO 100 FINANCING BY GOV OF PROJECTS PER REFTEL B. KISSINGER

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